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1. EMBASSY HAS NO COMMENTS ON IMPACT PACKAGE OTHER THAN THOSE PROVIDED REF (B).

2. IF FMS CREDITS WERE NOT AVAILABLE FOR IMPACT PACKAGE, GOK MIGHT WELL BUY SIMILAR ITEMS, BUT PROBABLY FROM SOME OTHER SUPPLIER. FINANCING OF PURCHASE FROM NON-US SOURCE WOULD PROBABLY HAVE TO BE ON COMMERCIAL TERMS, IMPOSING SERIOUS SOCIAL AND DEVELOPMENTAL SACRIFICES ON KENYA, WHICH WOULD, IN THE LONG RUN, HAVE ADVERSE EFFECTS ON US ECONOMIC INTERESTS HERE AS WELL, AND WOULD DETRACT MUCH FROM KENYAN DEVELOPMENT PLAN WHICH WE SUPPORT. IN ADDITION, IF WE OFFERED PACKAGE WITHOUT FMS CREDITS, KENYANS WOULD ALMOST CERTAINLY ATTRIBUTE DECISION TO POLITICAL CONSIDERATIONS (GIVING GREATER WEIGHT TO SOMALI TIES THAN TO THOSE WITH KENYA) AND COULD WELL DECIDE TO END STRATEGIC ACCESS TO KENYA BY US NAVAL VESSELS AND AIRCRAFT. IN FACE OF OUR PROBABLE MILITARY ASSISTANCE TO SOMALIA, WE FIRMLY BELIEVE THAT IF WE WISH TO RETAIN FAVORED POSITION WE NOW ENJOY IN KENYA, WE MUST BE RESPONSIVE TO GOK REQUEST FOR MILITARY ASSISTANCE AND MUST PROVIDE
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CONCESSIONARY FINANCING THROUGH FMS CREDITS.

3. DEBT IN MAGNITUDE OF SUGGESTED IMPACT PACKAGE, IF FINANCING PROVIDED ON FMS TERMS, MAY FORCE GOK TO MAKE SOME PRIORITY REALIGNMENTS ON ITS EXPENDITURES, BUT, AS FAR AS CAN BE FORE-SEEN AT PRESENT, DEBT WILL BE SUPPORTABLE AND WITHIN RESOURCES AVAILABLE TO GOK WITHIN THE TIME FRAME.

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